

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 383. An act to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1344. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1515. An act to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1796. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the Mississippi River from its headwaters in the State of Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico for study for potential addition to the National Trails System as a national scenic trail, national historic trail, or both, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3534. An act to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3871. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to The Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail.

H.R. 3961. An act to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park.

H.R. 4275. An act to amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 4382. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land in Clark County, Nevada, for use by the Nevada National Guard.

H.R. 4588. An act to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

H.R. 5079. An act to update the management of Oregon water resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5132. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Monroe County, Michigan, relating to the Battles of the River Raisin during the War of 1812.

H.R. 5224. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 350 Uinta Drive in Green River, Wyoming, as the "Curt Gowdy Post Office Building".

H.R. 5323. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for ceremonies on or near Independence Day for administering oaths of allegiance to legal immigrants whose applications for naturalization have been approved.

H.R. 5454. An act to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2007.

H.R. 5857. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Cherrybell Avenue in Tucson, Arizona, as the "Morris K. 'Mo' Udall Post Office Building".

H.R. 5861. An act to amend the National Historic Preservation Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5923. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29-50 Union Street in Flushing, New York, as the "Dr. Leonard Price Stavisky Post Office".

H.R. 6102. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Lawyers Road, NW in Vienna, Virginia, as the "Captain Christopher Petty Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 430. Concurrent resolution recognizing the accomplishments of the American Council of Young Political Leaders for providing 40 years of international exchange programs, increasing international dialogue, and enhancing global understanding, and commemorating its 40th anniversary.

H. Con. Res. 471. Concurrent resolution congratulating The Professional Golfers' Association of America on its 90th anniversary and commending the members of The Professional Golfers' Association of America and The PGA Foundation for the charitable contributions they provide to the United States.

H. Con. Res. 480. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3127.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1275. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7172 North Tongass Highway, Ward Cove, Alaska, as the "Alice R. Brusich Post Office Building".

S. 1323. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Lindbald Avenue, Girdwood, Alaska, as the "Dorothy and Connie Hibbs Post Office Building".

S. 2690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office".

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 683) to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of

the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1036) to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2066) to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3127) to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3508) to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4588. An act to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3936. A bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 860. A bill to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-348).

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3687. A bill to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to 2 Indian tribes in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-349).

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007" (Rept. No. 109-350).

By Mr. CRAPO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3938. An original bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*Brigadier General Bruce Arlan Berwick, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

\*Colonel Gregg F. Martin, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

\*Brigadier General Robert Crear, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission.

\*Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

\*William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2007.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

John Alfred Jarvey, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Sara Elizabeth Lioi, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACKE:

S. 3935. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules to prohibit deceptive conduct in the rating of video and computer games and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TALENT, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KOHL, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 3936. A bill to invest in innovation and education to improve the competitiveness of the United States in the global economy; read the first time.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3937. A bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration to finalize the proposed rule relating to the reduction of fuel tank

flammability exposure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. 3938. An original bill to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States; from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BROWNBACKE, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 3939. A bill to require the Food and Drug Administration to establish restrictions regarding the qualifications of physicians to prescribe the abortion drug commonly known as RU-486; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 3940. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand tax incentives that promote affordable education; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM:

S. 3941. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to fully allow students to live in units eligible for the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3942. A bill to establish the Paterson Great Falls National Park in the State of New Jersey, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 3943. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to reimburse jurisdictions for amounts paid or incurred in preparing, producing, and using contingency paper ballots in the November 7, 2006, Federal general election; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. NELSON of Florida):

S. 3944. A bill to provide for a one year extension of programs under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. CHAFFEE):

S. 3945. A bill to provide for the provision by hospitals of emergency contraceptives to women, and post-exposure prophylaxis for sexually transmitted disease to individuals, who are survivors of sexual assault; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. Res. 585. A resolution commending the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League for winning their Monday Night Football game on Monday, September 25, 2006 by a score of 23 to 3; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. Res. 586. A resolution celebrating 40 years of achievements of medical coders, and encouraging the medical coding community to continue providing accurate medical claims and statistical reporting to the peo-

ple of the United States and to the world; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. Res. 587. A resolution expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the ideological alliance that exists between the countries of Cuba and Venezuela, and supporting the people of Iran, Cuba, and Venezuela in the quest of those peoples to achieve a truly democratic form of government; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 474

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to establish the Mark O. Hatfield-Elizabeth Furse Scholarship and Excellence in Tribal Governance Foundation, and for other purposes.

S. 503

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 503, a bill to expand Parents as Teachers programs and other quality programs of early childhood home visitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1141, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate ammonium nitrate.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1687

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1687, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 2135

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2135, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to report to Congress concerning proposed changes to long-standing policies that prohibit foreign interests from exercising actual control over the economic, competitive, safety, and security decisions